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Pennsylvania Egg Production Down 5 Percent in October

HARRISBURG, PA, Nov 20, 2007 - - Egg production in Pennsylvania during October 2007 totaled 532 million eggs, down 5 percent from the 561 million eggs produced in October 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The total number of layers averaged 22.0 million during October, a 6 percent drop from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,421 eggs during the month, an increase of 33 eggs from October 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched during October 2007 totaled 4.2 million, down 9 percent from the 4.6 million hatched the previous October. Broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 15.0 million during October 2007, up 5 percent from the same month last year.

United States' egg production totaled 7.70 billion during October 2007, slightly above from last year's total during October. The total number of layers during October averaged 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,253 eggs, an increase of 25 eggs from October 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched in the United States during October totaled 35.8 million, down 1 percent from October 2006. Broiler-type hatch totaled 795 million, a 3 percent increase from last year at this time. There were 25.9 million turkey poults placed in the United States during October 2007, up 3 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago.

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